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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Tatsuya SUZUKI, et al
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2006, the period of response for which an extension of time is requested in the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2;

Remarks are included beginning on page 5; and

Authorization begins on page 14.